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ACCORDING TO THE CHANGE OF SITUATION

Policy

1. Prisoners of War must be prevented by all possible means from falling into enemy hands. For this reason, the location of Prisoner of War Camps shall be changed.
2. In the event of an enemy attack which leaves no alternative, prisoners of war may be set free.

Outline

1. Strengthening of guards for prisoner of war camps (including branch and detached camps - the same hereinafter). Prisoner of war administrative officers shall do their best to strengthen the powers for guarding prisoner of war camps by expanding and completing their facilities to conform with the defense program for their respective districts, and shall also dispatch guards to, or increase guards in, the branch and detached camps when necessary, or designate reinforcement squads, etc.

The commandants of the camps and their subordinates shall not depend only on external facilities, but shall progressively stimulate the morale of the prisoners, and at the same time acquire a profound grasp of their psychology and an insight into their behavior and supervise them so that nothing untoward will occur in case of emergencies.

2. Transference of Prisoners of War. Judging from conditions such as the intensifying of enemy air-raids on major points, and enemy landings on our Empire, both of which will follow the developments of the war situation, consideration shall be given to the overall location of prisoners of war, who, from the viewpoint of defense, shall be transferred or concentrated at the proper moment.

A. Transfer Programme

1. The camps to be transferred, and the destination, order and time of transference, etc. shall be planned by the central authorities, with due consideration to the opinions of the Army District Commanders.
2. The time for transference shall be notified by the Central Authorities, but in case of a sudden change in the situation, transference may be executed at the discretion of the respective Army District Commanders.
3. As such transference of prisoners of war is likely to excite the general public, great care shall be taken in regard to the time and method of transference.

B. Regarding Transference and the Utilization of Labor.

1. As the call for prisoner of war laborers is increasingly great, even under the present situation, the destination of the transference shall be decided only after due consideration of this fact.

2. Prisoners of war may be employed for maintaining communication lines, so their location at the proper places is also to be considered.

3. Even in districts where the enemy are likely to intensify their air-raids or effect landing operations, the prisoner of war camps will be left till the last if prisoner of war labor is absolutely necessary in that area to maintain our fighting power.

The areas in which the camps will remain to the last will be notified by the central authorities with due consideration to the opinion of the Army District Commanders. Even in such areas, however, if attacked by the enemy, the location of the camps will be changed as much as possible, and we shall not let prisoners of war fall into enemy hands until we have got some results from them.

C. Concentration of Prisoners of War

Prisoners of war who are dispersed at various places for work or working at distant places must be properly brought together to avoid unexpected disaster.

3. In case the situation becomes urgent and there is no time to execute the transference mentioned above, and if it is really unavoidable, prisoners of war may be set free. Even in this extremity, measures shall be taken to transfer all officers and those who are healthy and strong enough to work. However, emergency measures shall be taken without delay against those of antagonistic attitudes, and we shall hope for nothing regrettable by taking proper measures to suit the occasion.

4. Utmost care shall be taken that no harm is inflicted upon the general public by freeing the prisoners of war.

5. In case emergency measures are to be taken to suppress plots, riots, revolts, etc. by the prisoners of war, care shall be taken that they are not utilized for enemy propaganda or give the enemy an excuse for resorting to measures of retaliation.

6. Especially nothing shall be left to be desired in the procurement and supply of food in this plan for disposal of the prisoners of war. Every effort shall be made to maintain the minimum amount of food necessary to sustain the lives of the prisoners of war, even when transportation is cut off.

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I, Sadaoaki Nakanishi, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Acting Director Japanese Government Prisoner of War Information Bureau and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 6 pages, dated 11 March, 1946, and described as follows: Order from the War Ministry regarding the movement of prisoners of war.

I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files):

Signed at Tokyo on this  
23rd day of September, 1946.

/s/ S. Nakanishi  
Signature of Official

SEAL

Acting Director, Japanese Gov't.  
Prisoner of War Information Bureau  
Official Capacity

Witness: /s/ Koji Yokoi

Statement of Official Procurement

I, 2nd Lt. Eric W. Fleisher, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this  
23rd day of September, 1946

/s/ Eric W. Fleisher, 2nd Lt.  
NAME AUSMI

Investigator IPS  
Official Capacity

Witness: /s/ Henry T. Omachi  
2nd Lt. Inf.



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情勢ノ推移ニ應スル停務ノ處理要領ニ關シ三月十七日直軍總  
第二二五七號ヲ以テ陸軍大臣ヨリ左記ノ通達ヲセラル

左 記

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戰局愈々逼迫シ歐戰皇土範圍等ニ波及セル虞ニ於ケル  
停務ノ取扱ハ別紙情勢ノ推移ニ應スル停務處理要領ニ  
據リ通算ナキヲ期セラレ度使命通達ス  
本表ハ停務情報局月報<sup>(5A4)</sup>ニ依ル

別紙

情勢ノ推移ニ應スル停務處理要領

方 針

一 停務ハ極力敵手ニ發スルヲ防止スルモノトス  
之ヲ爲豫メ所長ノ停務ニ付收容位置ノ移動ヲ行フ  
ニ當リ政令ヲ受ケ情況與ニ己ムヲ得ザル場合ハ停務ハ  
之ヲ停止スルコトヲ行

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一 俘虜收容所（分派遣所ヲ含ム以下全ジ）警備力ノ強化  
俘虜管理長官ハ其他防衛計畫ニ即應スル如ク收容  
所自体ノ警備施設ヲ増充強化スルト共ニ所長ノ分派  
遣所ニ衛兵ヲ派遣又ハ増加シ或ハ近接隊ヲ指定スル  
等收容所警備力ノ強化ヲ圖ルモノトス  
尙收容所長以下ヲシテ喧嘩ニ外形的施設ニノミ依存  
スルコトナク、往々志氣ヲ昂揚セシムルト共ニ深ク  
俘虜ノ心理ヲ把握シ其動向ヲ洞察シ萬一ノ隙不覺ヲ  
取ラザル如ク指導スルモノトス

ニ 俘虜位置ノ移動

戦局ノ進展ニ伴ヒ其地ニ對スル其ノ位置ノ變化並皇  
土上陸等ノ情勢ヲ判断シ俘虜位置ノ全般ニ亘リ検討  
ヲ加ヘ機ニ先シテ防衛ノ見地ヨリ俘虜ノ移動又ハ集  
約ヲ實施ス

1 移動計畫

(イ) 移動ヲ要スル箇所、移動先、移動順序並移動時機  
等ハ軍管區司令官ノ意見ヲ參照シ中央ニテ計畫ス

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(ロ) 移動ノ時期ハ中央ヨリ指示スルモ情況ノ激變ニ應  
(シテハ各軍管區司令官ニ於テモ獨自所要ノ移動ヲ  
實施スルモノトス

(ハ) 本移動ハ一般民心ヲ刺激シ易キニ鑑ミ移動ノ時機  
方法ハ慎重ヲ期スルモノトス

2 移動ト勞務ノ活用ニ就テ

(イ) 本情勢ニ於テモ停戦ノ勞務ハ盛々其要請大ナルニ  
鑑ミ停戦勞務ヲ重視シテ移動先ヲ決定スルモノト  
ス

(ロ) 交通線確保ノタメ停戦ヲ使用スベキ場合アルヘキ  
ヲ以テ適地ニ配置スルコトヲモ慮ス

(ハ) 敵ノ空襲激化並上陸ヲ預慮セラル、地區ニ於テモ  
戦力保持ノタメ停戦ノ勞務ヲ絕對必要トスル個所  
ハ最後迄殘置ス

殘置スベキ個所ハ軍管區司令官ノ意見ヲ參酌シ中  
央ヨリ指示ス

但シ該個所ニ於テモ自ノ安全ヲ受クルニ際シテハ  
極力位置ノ移動ヲ實施シ無爲ニ停戦ヲ敵手ニ委セ  
ザルモノトス



3 俘虜ノ集約

各所ニ分散脱身スル者ハ速に集約ニ努メセシメアル要所  
ノ俘虜ハ適宜集約ヲ圖リ以テ不測ノ災害ヲ防止スル  
モノトス

三 情勢急迫シ前線ノ移動ヲ要スルノ余裕ナク其ニ已  
ムヲ待サル場合ニ於テハ俘虜ヲ保護スルコトヲ得  
本情況ニ於テモ勢弱ニ墮スル虞甚著及將校俘虜ハ威  
ルベク移動スル如ク努ムルモノトス  
但シ反抗的行動アル者ニ對シテハ機ヲ失セズ非常措  
置ニ出ル等臨機ノ手段ヲ採リ万遺憾ナキヲ期スルモ  
ノトス

四 俘虜解放ニ方リ一投住民ニ危害ヲ及ボサルコトニ  
關シテハ深甚ノ注意ヲ拂フモノトス

五 俘虜ノ蹂躪、暴動、反抗等ヲ防止スル爲所長ノ非常  
措置ヲ採ル場合ニアリテハ之ヲ敵ノ宣傳ノ具ニ利用  
セラレ得ハ之ガ報復手段ヲ斷ズルノ口實ヲ與フル等  
ノコトナキ様留意スルモノトス

六 本處理ニ伴フ糧食ノ取付及補給ニ關シテハ等ニ遺憾  
ナキヲ期シ万一運送困難セル場合ニ於テモ俘虜ノ生  
命ヲ棄グニ要スル最少限ノ食糧ハ之ヲ確保スルコト  
ニ努ムルモノトス

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證 明 書

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